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Major Disaster Declared for Two Additional Parishes from October Weather Events

BATON ROUGE (January 4, 2010) – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) added Catahoula and Franklin parishes to a list of parishes classified as “major disaster areas” as a result of severe storms, tornados and flooding from October 29 to November 3, 2009 in some areas of the state. By being declared “major disaster areas,” effected parishes become qualified for federal assistance to repair public infrastructure.

Last November, Governor Bobby Jindal requested through a Major Disaster Presidential Declaration for Public Assistance for the parishes of Beauregard, Bossier, Caddo, Caldwell, Catahoula, Claiborne, DeSoto, Franklin, Jefferson Davis, Natchitoches, Ouachita, Union and Webster. Of the 13 parishes requested, eleven were classified as major disaster areas and are eligible for assistance through the FEMA Public Assistance program. Caddo and Jefferson Davis parishes did not meet the damage thresholds set by FEMA and were denied “major disaster area” status by FEMA.

The events of October 29-30, 2009, produced an additional four to six (4-6) inches of rain and twelve tornadoes in effected parishes.

Governor Jindal declared a statewide state of emergency on October 30, 2009 for severe weather events producing above average rainfall.

To date, damage assessments indicate more than \$13 million in damages to public infrastructure, primarily roads and bridges.

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